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All-Russian Conference on Health

RSFSR Bureau members P.N. POSPELOV and M.A. YASNOV on July 26 opened an All-Russian conference on health in Moscow. The conference discussed the progress of implementation of the Central Committee of January this year on measures for the further improvement of medical services and health care of the population. Much attention was given by delegates to the conference to the problem of pollution of the air, rivers and reservoirs, a problem with which the authorities were charged with not coping. The building of hospitals was also criticized as lagging far behind schedule.

5th Plenum of Trade Unions Council

On July 28 the 5th Plenum of the All-Union Council of Trade Unions opened. The plenum's agenda called for the discussion of (1) progress being made in mobilizing workers for fulfillment of the decisions of the 21st Party Congress, and (2) the tasks of the trade unions in carrying out the July 1960 Plenum decisions.

All-Union Conference of Book Trade Workers

Workers in the book trade network held a four-day meeting in Moscow (July 25-28) to discuss ways of improving the sale and distribution of books to the population. Presidium member Ye. A. FURTSEVA addressed the conference's July 28 session, and read "greetings" from the Central Committee which wished the book trade workers success and improvement in their efforts.

9. Vigilance Campaign Continues: The Soviet propaganda campaign on vigilance-security continued which a number of press articles directly or indirectly supporting the campaign. Red Star on July 26 and in its lead editorial July 28 stressed individual and physical security measures such as safeguarding classified documents, avoiding security leaks in telephone and radio communications or through indiscretion in conversation by soldiers on or off duty. No specific examples were given by Red Star of the "wolfish habits of the imperialists, the loathsome affairs of their knights 'of the clak and dagger'" which were said to be "well known to the Soviet people."

A Soviet Russia feuilliton on July 24 pointed out that such persons of weak character as speculators who buy clothing from tourists are serious security risks who care not whether the persons with whom they deal are "our friends or employees of Allen Dulles." Evening Moscow of July 28 used a caricature of a masked "tourist" carrying a pistol to illustrate a piece on US passport issuance restrictions now pending. It was written in such a

way as to imply that ever more American tourists will try to collect intelligence information with State Department-Pentagon blessing and encouragement. Many articles not dealing with vigilance-security specifically have contributed to the campaign. For example, an article on US airbases in Soviet Fleet of July 28 was headlined "Instruments of Espionage and Provocation" and commenced by saying "Espionage and provocation, subversion and piracy-such are the integral attributes of US foreign policy."

10. Incidents involving American Tourists: Two incidents involving visiting American college students occurred within the past week. In both cases, the students had obtained considerable number of past issues of Amerika magazine from the Embassy and were distributing them with more zeal than common sense. Tourists have quietly distributed back numbers of the magazine over the past two years with no difficulty of any sort. Soviet authorities knew of this and made no protest at any time. But in both these current incidences the students' distribution methods created a rush of passers-by to get their copy. The students were arrested and charged with disturbing the public order. In both cases, they were told that their presence in the USSR was no longer desirable. However, in the first instance there was no pressure to get them out, and in the second, Soviet authorities are reported to have told the students on the following day that they could continue their tour. This report, however, is as yet unconfirmed. The Embassy has taken precautions to prevent any repetition of such mass distribution. There is no indication that Soviet authorities, informed of this action, will in any way modify their attitude toward disposal of back issues of Amerika.

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